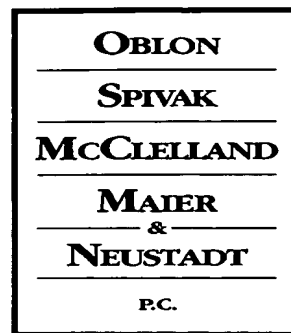




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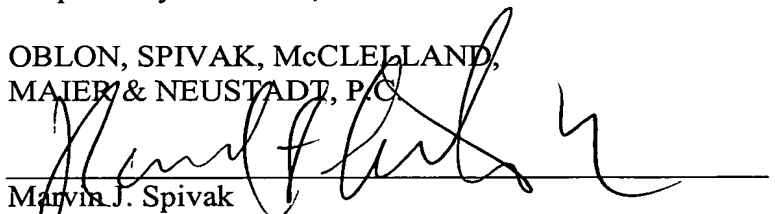
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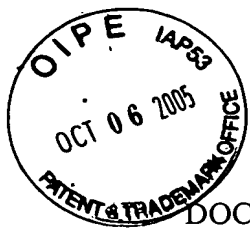

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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated August 3, 2005, wherein Claims 1-13, 17, and 18 were allowed, please consider the following remarks.

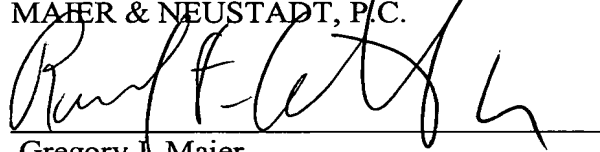
The Notice of Allowance includes an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance asserting with regard to independent Claims 1 and 7 that "the applicant has sufficiently cited and narrowly defined a planar light source device that reads over the prior art, specifically a light guide plate that includes a plurality of refractors on an incident surface, wherein each of the refractors has a different light emission angular distribution that is configured and corresponds to different colors of light emitted thereon." Applicant respectfully traverses this assertion, at least because independent Claim 1 does not specifically recite refractors. Independent Claims 1 and 7 are as follows and are not limited to anything not recited in the claims:

1. A planar light source device, comprising:
a plurality of light sources each configured to emit different colors of light having different light emission angular distribution; and
a light guide plate configured to receive the different colors of light having the different light emission angular distribution from the plurality of light sources at a side face and to distribute the light over a surface thereof.

7. A planar light source device, comprising:
a plurality of light sources emitting different colors of light;
a light guide plate receiving light from the plurality of light sources at a side face to distribute the light over a surface thereof; and
a plurality of refractors, each of the refractors being configured to refract light from each of the plurality of light sources, wherein:
a shape of each of the refractors is different for each color of the plurality of light sources; and
a refraction angle of each of the refractors is different for each color of the plurality of light sources.

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